GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

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UNCOVERED AREAS BY DOORDARSHAN/AIR
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Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) The areas of the country which are still not covered under All India Radio broadcasting and Doordarshan telecast network, State-wise;

(b) The details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) Whether the Government propose to set up AIR/Doordarshan stations in all parts of the country, particularly in Shekhpura, Lakhisarai, Begusarai, Munger and Jamui districts of Bihar; and

(d) If so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF TH MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (d): The state-wise details of percentage of area not covered by AIR and Doordarshan`s terrestrial network are given in annexure-I. The expansion of AIR/DD network in the country is a countinuous process, being carried out in a phased manner, based on available resources. Presently, 40 AIR transmitter projects and 255 Doordarshan Transmitter projects including those under the J&K special package, are under various stages of implementation in different parts of the country for expansion of AIR and Doordarshan services. Two Low Power TV Transmitters (LPT), one each at Munger and Sikandera in Munger District and one LPT each at Shekhpura, Lakhisarai, and Begusarai are already functioning. There is, at present, no approved scheme to set up Radio Stations and new TV transmitters at these places.